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in height, with a diameter of from 10 to 30 centimeters. It is rather a slow grower. In the spring it bears dense corymbs of white flowers which are pleasantly fragrant. The size of the fruits varies in different varieties. Some have fruits as large as an inch in diameter. The acid flesh has a delicate flavor, but there is not enough of it to give the fruits a commercial value. Fruits are occasionally found, however, that are practically without seeds and it might be possible to fix this character by selection. As it is, the fruit is often sold in the Oriental markets. I particularly recommend this *Crataegus* as a stock for pears. It is good for dry localities at any altitude. It is found as low as 200 meters below the level of the Mediterranean in the Valley of the Jordan and as high as 1800 meters above sea-level in the desert near Petra. It ought, therefore, to thrive in southern California as well as on the plateaus of Colorado. My personal experience has shown that a top graft 6 inches or a foot above the ground is the best for this stock. It is best suited for the early varieties of pears. I recommend this as a stock, therefore, in high, arid situations where water is scarce or costly. It is an ideal stock for dwarf early pears. At Indio, California, for instance, it ought to yield prime fruit with very little irrigation. I speak of pears because I have had personal experience with this fruit. But I can see no reason why it would not do as well as a stock for dwarf early apples." (A. Aaronsohn.) For distribution later.

DANTHONIA SEMI-ANNULARIS. 26119. From Wellington, New Zealand. Presented by Mr. T. W. Kirk, Department of Agriculture. Received October 18. Wallaby grass. A grass which does well on any of the poorer classes of gum land, also on heavy clay soils. It stands drought with impunity and as it throws up a good quantity of feed is eaten by all classes of stock. For immediate distribution.

DIOSPYROS DISCOLOR. 26112. Persimmon from Philippine Islands. Presented by Mr. Wm. S. Lyon, Manila. Received Oct. 11.